

REMARKS

This paper is filed in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed on March 1, 2004. In view of the amendments provided herein and the remarks in the Amendment Filed on October 15, 2003, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner seek to maintain the rejections, Applicants request a telephone interview with the Examiner and the Examiner's supervisor.

If a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (510) 769-3513.

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